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December 17, 2007

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: CSXT Abandonment
Ware County, GA
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on December 14, 2007, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated December 10, 2007 (received December 17, 2007) from Ms. Karen Anderson-Cordova of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Historic Preservation Division stating "...no archaeological resources that are listed in or eligible for listing in the national Register of Historic Places (NRHP) will be affected by this undertaking..." the Ms. Anderson-Cordova further states "HPD believes the proposed project will have no adverse affect..."

Sincerely,

Attachments

Copy: Mr. Steven Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202
Mr. Lou Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

Historic Preservation Division

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December 10, 2007

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**RE: Abandon 1.08 Miles of Railroad, Waycross; From AP 587.76 to AP 588384
Ware County, Georgia
GA-071119-001**

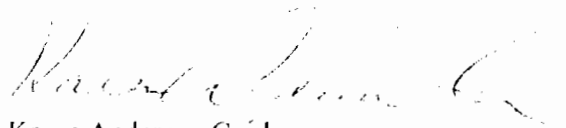
Dear Mr. Geraci:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the additional information received concerning the above-referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and its project applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Based on the information submitted, HPD has determined that no archaeological resources that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) will be affected by this undertaking, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1). The subject CSX railroad, which was originally constructed by the Brunswick & Western Railroad between 1889 and 1892, and was later under ownership by several other companies including the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Coast Line, should be considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. HPD believes the proposed project will have **no adverse effect** on the eligible railroad, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1), provided that the rail bed is preserved, as proposed in your letter.

Please refer to the project number referenced above in any future correspondence regarding this matter. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator at (404) 651-6624, or Jackie Horlbeck, Environmental Review Historian, at (404) 651-6777.

Sincerely,



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Unit Manager, Planning and Local Assistance Unit

KAC:jph

cc: Barbara Jackson, Georgia State Clearinghouse
Federal Railroad Administration
Michael Jacobs, Southeast Georgia RDC